

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 178 JBE 2020

SPECIAL ELECTION – MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR DISTRICT 4, PARISHES OF BIENVILLE, BOSSIER, CADDO, DE SOTO, NATCHITOCHES, RED RIVER, SABINE, VERNON, WEBSTER, AND WINN

WHEREAS, an anticipated vacancy exists in the office of Member, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for District 4, Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, Webster, and Winn, due to the resignation of the Honorable Tony Davis, effective January 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:591 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of an elective member of a state board or commission when more than one (1) year of the term remains unexpired in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:591 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1: A special primary and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for District 4, Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, Webster, and Winn, for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacancy in the office.
- SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 et seq., during the period commencing Wednesday, January 20, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021.
- **SECTION 3:** The special election for the unexpired term shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*
- **SECTION 4:** The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.
- SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for District 4, Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, Webster, and Winn, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of December, 2020.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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